

No. 6381	號壹十八百三千六第	日四十月四年寅戊緒光	HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th, 1878.	三拜禮	號五十月五英	港香	PRICE \$2. PER MONTH.
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INSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE

commencing with the "LOMBARDY" leaving
Hong on the 1st June, and until further
order, the Company's Mail Steamers from
Hong will proceed to London, via Suez Canal,
Aden & Southampton to meet Passengers, and
Freight.

ADAM LIND,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1878. [593]

NOTICE

ORIENTAL HOTEL

DINNER HOUR at this Establishment
will be commencing from TO-DAY HALF
PAST SEVEN until further notice.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1878. [16632]

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...a liberal and permanent arrangement
...effected on or about January 1st, 1879.
...respond please mention any special re-
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...FLIES, MOTHS, BEETLES, and all other
...are Destroyed by EATING'S INSECT
...POWDER, which is quite harmless to Domestic
...In exterminating Beetles the success
...is Powder is extraordinary, and no one need
...troubled by those pests. It is perfectly clean
...Ask for it, and take notice of the
...EATING'S POWDER" as imitations are
...common, and fail in giving satisfaction. Sold
...Chemists, in small Bottles. [4786]

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship
"GLENLYON"
arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
are hereby informed that their Goods
are landed at the risk (Said Goods) to the
Undersigned, whence and from the Wharves
said delivery may be obtained.
Additional Cargo will be forwarded to Shang-
hai unless notice be given before Two
O'CLOCK-DAY.
Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st
inst will be subject to rent.
For Insurance here, if effected,
of Lading will be counterinsured by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Singapore, 14th April, 1878. [1w845
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer
"ANTENOR"
are hereby notified that their Cargo, is being dis-
tributed to Craft, limited at the Godowns of

consignees risk. The Cargo will be ready for
 delivery from Craft of Godown on and after the
 15th May, 1878.
 Goods consigned to be delivered after the 15th May, 1878,
 are subject to Rent.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
 Hongkong, 11th May, 1878.

STEAMSHIP "SINDH"
 COMPAGNIE DES MARCHANDISES
 MARITIMES.
 NOTICE.
 SINGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
 "EUPHRATE"
 London, It is hereby notified with the above
 owner, are hereby informed that their Goods
 lying landed and stored at their risk at the
 consignee's Godowns, whence delivery may be
 made immediately after landing,
 will be forwarded on unless
 a consignment is received from the Consignee be-
 fore-DAV, the 15th instant, at 10 a.m.
 Goods not being landed herebefore
 will be liable to landing will be consigned by the
 consignee.
 Goods remaining unclaimed after SATUR-
 day the 15th instant, at Noon, will be subject
 to landing charges.

H. DU POUËY, Agent.
 Hongkong, 13th May, 1878.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
 The Undersigned of the Undermentioned Cargo
 are hereby informed that unless the
 taken delivery of within one month
 it will be sold to pay expenses.
"Azeritino," 30th April, 1877, M. 10
"Elain," 23th May, 1877, W. S. (in dia-
 8 Cases, and D. S. & Co. (in diamond),
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
 7, Queen's Road.
 [Im 769]
**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
 MARITIMES.**
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 requested to send in their Bills of Lading
 undersigned for countersignatures, and
 immediate delivery. This Cargo has been
 and stored at their risk and expense.
 Fire Insurance has been effected.
 H. DU POUËY, Agent.
 Ex "BROUARD,"
 (triangle) 2431/5, Order, 4 cases Cottons,
 from London.
 (triangle) 515/24, Order, 10 cases Wor-
 sts, from London.

19, Mr. Schneider, 1 case Fire Arms, from
Marseilles.
1/16, Messrs. Meyer & Co, 5 cases Soap,
from Marseilles.
Signed 14th May 1878

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R. CHATTERTON WILCOX.
Daily Press Office,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1878.

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All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 15TH, 1878.

We published on Monday an announcement by Major that it had been proposed that the Kuldja difficulty between Russia and China should be settled by the relinquishment of that province by Russia for another slice of territory in Manchuria. This suggestion, it seems, emanated from Colonel Vankov, a well known semi-official writer on matters connected with China and Central Asia.

The gallant colonel proposes that the Czar should keep his word and permit the victorious army of General Tao Tsung-tang to re-occupy the Mahomedan province, but under the stipulation that Russia in return should receive as compensation a piece of territory contiguous to her possessions on the Amoor. Kuldja, in Colonel Vankov's opinion, is a barren possession, lucrative only to the few officials entrusted with the duty of governing it. The road to Peking, he goes on to point out, "lies not through the uplands of craggy Kuldja but through the grassy plains of Kashgar, and it may be safely left to the inevitable march of events for this stepping-stone to supremacy in China to fall into the hands of Russia."

But the necessities of the Muscovite Empire on the Amoor are seen by this soldier to be, in the present crisis of affairs, very potent and very urgent. The strip of Manchuria taken from China in 1859 has a lengthy coast line, but does not run far back, and as the strategically important harbour of Wladivostok is situated at the extreme end of the annexed territory, it would not be a very difficult matter for a powerful hostile fleet to cut off the communication between this port and Siberia. "Thus," remarks Colonel Vankov, "in the event of a war with England, an expedition of Sikhs from India, co-operating with the Pacific Squadron, would effectively sever Wladivostok from the body of the Empire—even from the Amoor Province itself—and it would be impossible for Russia to make any flank movement upon the besieging army except by violating Chinese territory."

If the Chinese are not willing to carry out the arrangement, Colonel Vankov does not hesitate to say that "steps should be taken to prepare the march of events for a realisation of Russia's wishes." What this means has become pretty plain by the results of Muscovite intrigues in both Europe and Asia. The encroaching spirit of Russian diplomacy is so well known that we should imagine even the Government of Peking will be on its guard to avoid the possibility of being one day reduced to the condition of a vassal of the Czar.

THE attempt upon the life of the venerable Emperor of Germany was happily unsuccessful. The dastardly act shows, however, of what the Communists are capable. The veteran monarch has passed the term usually allotted to man, and cannot, in the course of nature, be expected to live many years longer, but this ruthless hand of the assassin could not spare his grey hairs.

It is to be feared that revolutionary and socialist doctrines are spreading in Germany, and that some day or rather there will be a severe contest between the forces of order and those of Communism and confederation. It is to be hoped, however, that the act of the Leipzig assassin was that of a solitary fanatic and not the result of a conspiracy. We should be sorry to hear that the German Bode were prepared to forward their purposes by assassination. It is a bad cause indeed which will resort to such base and desperate expedients to remove enemies. The loyalty of the great mass of the German nation will be aroused to deeper enthusiasm by this attempt upon the life of the founder of the new German Empire, whilst popular resentment will be kindled against the rascal party to which the would-be assassin belongs. Good may come out of evil; the growth of the Red party may receive a check through the execution of the deed which excites in the breasts of all right thinking Teutons. It is to be hoped that the attempt will have no ill-effect upon the nerves of the aged Emperor. He has always been a stranger to fear, but it is possible, at his years, the attempt may have given him a shock, though he would soon to show it.

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Russia are not far from settled, though negotiations that promise fairly may be in train. Much depends, of course, upon the result of Count Schouvaloff's Mission. He has gone to St. Petersburg to communicate the views of the British Government to the Cabinet there, and will not doubt take the opportunity to acquaint Prince Gortschakoff with the state of public feeling in England, and explain to him that the people are in no mood to be trifled with. The British Government unquestionably commands the support of an enormous majority of its electors, and Mr. Gladstone and his faction are simply nowhere in the councils of the nation. The fact that Worcester—one of the most strongly pronounced Liberal constituencies in the kingdom, and which for thirty years past has been represented by Liberals—has returned a Conservative by a very large majority is a significant proof that the people are prepared to enforce party feeling in the present crisis, and support the Government. All this the astute Muscovite Ambassador will carefully point out to his Government at St. Petersburg. The Russians themselves are anxious to avoid war with England, but cannot make up their minds to part with any one of the results of their victory over the Turks. Unfortunately for themselves they were too greedy and too reckless in their demands, and now they have concluded a treaty with the Turks which is not likely to receive the assent of Europe and may become entirely null and void. We know not what the British Government may have demanded, but we imagine it would require the surrender of some half dozen provisions of this craftily devised instrument for the dismemberment of the Ottoman Empire.

The British steamer *Fleur de Lys*, Captain Jones, arrived at Singapore from Cardiff on the 14th inst. on route to this port.

The British steamer *Sunderland*, Captain B. D. Lucas, was sailing at the Victoria Docks, London, on the 12th April, for this port.

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TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE, ALBANY

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per
Kuangsing, to-day, the 15th inst., at 11:30 A.M.
 For Foochow.—To-day, the 15th instant, at
 1:30 P.M.
 For Straits Settlements and Calcutta.—Per
Jong and *Vette*, to-day, the 15th instant, at
 2:30 P.M.
 For Bangkok.—To-day, the 15th instant, at
 4:30 P.M.
 For Hankow.—To-day, the 16th instant, at
 5 P.M.
 For Swatow, Amoy, and Tamsui.—Per *Idibay*,
 to-morrow, the 16th inst., at 11:30 A.M.
 For Quinchoo.—To-morrow, the 16th instant,
 at 3 P.M.
 For Nagasaki.—Per *Quinto*, to-morrow, the
 16th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Cocktown, Srilook, and Eastern Australia.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.
The English Contract Packet "G'WALOR" will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on **SATURDAY, the 19th instant**, sailing from the Mails to the home of calling the **Maidn, &c.**

FRIDAY, 17th instant.

6 o'clock. Mail for **Calcutta** & **Madras**.

6 P.M. Post Office closes except the **North** box, which remains open all night.

SATURDAY, 18th instant.

6 o'clock. Post Office closes for sale of **Stamps**, **Registry of Letters**, and **Posting of all correspondence.**

6 o'clock. Post Office closes except for **Late** **Letters**, **Registry of Letters** cases.

11.15 A.M. Letters may be posted on payment of a **Late Fee** of 18 Rupees extra Postage, until 11.30 A.M. Letters for **Europe** & **India** addressed to the **United Kingdom** **de Brindisi**, or to **Calcutta**, may be posted on payment of a **Late Fee** of 48 cents extra postage, until 11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally closed.

The Australian Contract Packet "NORMANBY" will be despatched from Hongkong on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, with Mails for Singapore, Semarang, Ceylon, Ceylon, Java, Siam, New Zealand, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be registered after 11.15 A.M.

Mail will be closed at 11.30 A.M. Supplementary Mail on board till time of departure with late fee of 13 cents.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia, and to other ports if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it with Galeo.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet "TIORÉ" will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, with Mails for Europe, through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Calcutta, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, and Calcutta.

The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Mails, &c.:

FRIDAY, 24th instant.

11.15 A.M. Under Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

SATURDAY, 25th instant.

11.15 A.M. Under Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

10 A.M., Registry of Letters cases.
 11 A.M., Post Office classes except for Late Letters
 correspondents.
 11 A.M., Letters (but Letters only may be
 posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents
 extra postage, until
 11:30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSSES
 entirely.
 Correspondence for the West Indies (except
 those belonging to the Postal Union) (Baptists,
 and Hapti), for Costa Rica, Honduras,
 Nicaragua, El Salvador, Panama, and
 Uruguay can no longer be sent via San Fran-
 cisco.
 The attention of owners, agents, and char-
 gees of steamers is drawn to the provisions of The
 Post Office Ordinance, 1876, which comes into
 force on the 23rd instant.
 Under the old Ordinance no notice was re-
 quired for the delivery of a vessel if not un-
 der, nor of departures for Cape or Mexico.
 Notice is now required of any departure, though
 with regard to sailing ships, the old rule will
 continue to remain in force; that notice need not
 be sent until the vessel is under way.
 Section XXV, requires that the first notice be
 sent to this Post Office.
 In the case of steamers plying regularly on a
 fixed line, the necessity of any change in the day or
 hour will be sufficient.
 Stamped correspondence may still be sent on
 stamped any vessel after the Mail is closed at the
 Post Office.
 The Postmaster General takes this opportunity
 of calling the attention of firms to the fact that
 any such words as Despatches will close at 11
 A.M., and the advertisement of a vessel are
 confined to the advertisement of a vessel are

persons is also to make collection of such letters, for transmission under a penalty of £100 or more exceeding with the postage contained in the letters.

The Philippine Islands being now admitted into the General Postal Union, it follows that all paid correspondence received from Manila by the mails will be delivered free by this Office, and that all unpaid correspondence from the same place should be delivered free there.

The Article IX. of the Postal Treaty of Bern provides that: "Neither the senders nor the addressees of letters or parcels sent by the mails shall be called upon to pay, either in the Country of Origin, or in that of Destination, any tax or duty other than the recognised ones levied (in the case of mail correspondence) by the Destination Office. It is hoped that any extra charge, or apparently extra charge, will at once be brought to the notice of the proper authorities, and that they will be rectified."

The above does not apply in any way to letters sent outside the mails. These will always be charged on arrival in Hongkong, and probably the Manila Office will adopt the same principle.

Complaints are sometimes received of extra charges on correspondence exchanged between the Colonies and Saigon, but it is believed it is only in the case of letters that the letters, if sent, had been sent loose.

Some difficulty is experienced in obtaining a general understanding of *what is a Pattern*. If a *bona fide* sample of goods which the sender is for sale, or of goods which he wishes to sell, is sent out of the smallest possible quantity compatible with showing what the goods are, and must have no intrinsic value.

Most countries to which Hongkong forwards correspondences having joined the General Postal Union or being probably about to do so, it is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1.—No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage unless it is enclosed in a paper, Jewels, precious stones, articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2.—This Regulation prohibits the sending of

be so small as to make the sample of no value.

The limits of freight allowed are as follows:

BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To British Offices, 6lb. **PATTERNS.**—5lb., if without intrinsic value.

BOOKS AND PAPERS.—To the Continent, &c., 10lb.

PATENT.—5 or 6.

The following articles cannot be sent by parcel post:—Liquids, Gunpowder, Explosives, Candles, Soap, Indigo, Dry-stuffs, or any other article which is inflammable, or which is dangerous to the Mails or offensive to persons sailing with them.

The public is reminded that there is no shipping from Parcel Post to Europe. Much loss and disappointment is caused by persistent attempts to send small valuable articles through the Parcel Post. Customs Articles of such a Nature will be sent by the Parcel Post, but they will be liable to seizure and payment here in Portage, there would have been the freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamp paid, as the nature of the contents is not discovered.

